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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writting in response to the Proposed Microsoft Settlement, in accordance with the Tunney Act on public commentary.

I am strongly opposed to the settlement of the Microsoft Antitrust Trial in its current form. This provisions of this settlement do not adequately restrict Microsoft from future misbehavior, nor does the settlement provide sufficient penalty for the profit and marketshare that Microsoft has gained in the past by use of the anti-competative practices for which they were brought to trial. Specifically, as a software developer myself, I find that the articles concerning middleware development and the release of applicable documentation to middleware developers do not outline what I would cosider to be reasonable timetables and restrictions to allow competing middleware developers to create and test software that is designed for compatability with Micosoft Operating Systems. Also, I am extremely concerned by the apparent lack of penalty being imposed on Microsoft for their past abusive business practices. I strongly feel that this settlement lacks an aspect of justice. While the court's desire to negotiate a settlement is laudable, I feel that the current proposal does disservice to those menbers of the american public who daily use, or develope for, Microsoft products.

Sincerely,

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